

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 3, paragraph three at line 13:

-- According to a further embodiment of the invention, the flared part has the form of a truncated cone. Since the widening occurring at the mouth of the insertion hole is generally conical in shape, the truncated form of the flared part provides an advantageous adaptation to the widened part of said hole. ~~The part of said hole. The~~ conical shape is also most ~~suitable, when~~ suitable when the fixture is anchored by screwing the same into bone material. --

Page 5, delete the second paragraph, lines 12 and 13.

Page 5, after line 27, insert a new paragraph:

- - Fig. 2a is an end view similar to Fig. 2, with the direction of the slots reversed with respect to the direction of screwing-in rotation. - -

Page 5, delete the last paragraph, line 30.

Page 8, after line 8, insert a new paragraph:

- Fig. 2a shows the angle  $\alpha$  reversed with respect to the direction of rotation indicated by arrow B. Slots 15 slope forwardly in the direction of screwing-in rotation, so that sharp edges 16 can engage the sides of the hole in the bone, and oblique edges 17 do not so engage the bone. Bore 5 and hexagonal end 6 remain the same as in Fig. 2. The angle  $\alpha$  between the radial direction and the slot direction is also about  $30^\circ$ , ranging between  $20^\circ$  and  $40^\circ$ , as is true of the equivalent slot angle in Fig. 2. -